GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:640
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2005
DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY NETWORK
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various subsidiaries and sponsors are involved with Indian Railways in different aspects of the development of rail network; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 640 BY SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.7.2005 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY NETWORK

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Railways is exploring possibilities for development of rail network through partnership with State Governments, multilateral agencies, project beneficiaries and lending institutions. It is primarily through cost sharing, participation in equity in case of implementation through creation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), Build-Own-Transfer (BOT) models and in some cases privately owned infrastructure viz. port railways, freight terminals.

Ministry of Railways have already commissioned rail connectivity to Mundra port with private investment and Surendranagar- Pipavav Gauge Conversion with public - private participation. Gandhidham - Palanpur Gauge Conversion project and Hassan − Mangalore Gauge Conversion project are being implemented through investments from private sector and other agencies. Ministry of Railways is also implementing certain projects in the States of Jharkhand, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra on cost sharing basis with State Government/Undertakings of State Government.